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I saw Bob Joyce, Bill Pawley and various people this morning.

We lunched with André and Pascal Dewavrin at 1, rue Saint James, Neuilly. Emile Roche and his wife were there. Roche is the head of the Executive Committee of the Radical Socialist Party and, although not a parliamentarian, has great political influence. He is naturally disturbed over the present situation, and uncertain whether Pinay will get approval for his cabinet next Tuesday.

Messrs. Labouisse and McGrew came to see me about the EPU situation as regards France. We agreed the way in which the French should handle their large indebtedness to EPU is one for determination by the French Government.

The Executives of the Comité Lafayette called on me, and presented me with a beautiful plaque representing Lafayette. They are also kindly going to give Evangeline a bouquet on Monday.

I went to see Hervé Alphand and talked to him about the European Army. He said yesterday's meeting had passed off well and

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they hope to have a final draft ready within a month.

I called on President Herriot at the Palais Bourbon, and said goodbye to him. He is a remarkable old man, but now so crippled in his legs [redacted] he has great difficulty in locomotion.

We had a reception at the house this evening for about 125 or 150 people, [redacted] then E. and I had a late supper at Maillard's new restaurant "Le Petit Chatelet".

The Plevens have sent us a lovely present -- a plaque from the mint, showing Louis XIV receiving the Burmese or [redacted] other Eastern ambassadors.

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